Installed Capacity of Cement Plants

2350. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total installed capacity of all the cement plants in the country and the actual production of cement as on March, 31, 1989 ;

(b) what is the target of production of cement for the current financial year ; and

(c) whether it would be adequate to meet the requirement of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) As on 31st March, 1989, the installed capacity for the manufacture of cement in the organised sector was around 58 million tonnes. Production of cement during 1988-89 was about 44 million tonnes.

(b) The target of cement production for the current financial year is 49 million tonnes.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Production of Drugs from Basic Stage

@2351. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 694 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no drug company has set up production facilities of drug from basic stage ;

(b) what is the basis of recommendations for shifting the Category when there is no production from basic stage; and

(c) what steps are being taken to review the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY SHRI P. NAMGYAL : (a) Production of Rifampicin from basic stage of fermentation has not started in the country as yet.

(b) Kelkar Committee recommended shifting of this drug to Categoty II for a period of 3 years whicn the view point of encouraging basic stage production.

(c) Does not arise.

Industrial Licences and Letters of Intent Issued to MRTP and FERA Companies

2352. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of industrial licenses and letters of intent issued to MRTP and FERA Companies from January, 1987 to March, 1989; and

(b) what are the details of projects taken up by these companies during tnts period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) A total number of 223 Industrial Licences and 317

@Previously Unstarred Question 1714, transferred from the 1st August, 1989.

letters of Intent have been granted to MRTP/FERA companies from January, 1987 to March, 1989. The details of the projects taken up by these companies during this pertod are published by the Indian Investment Centre in their 'Monthly Newsletter". The copies of this publication are being furnished to the Parliament Library regularly.

Newsprint Factory at Trichur, Kerala

2353. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether clearance has been given for the setting up of a newsprint factory in Trichur in Kerala ;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of this unit and when this will start production ; and

(c) what are the details of the products and also the production capacity of the factory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) A Letter of Intent dated 15-5-1985 has been granted to the Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Limited for establishment of a new undertaking in District Trichur in the State of Kerala for manufacture of newsprint as well as glazed magazine paper for an annual capacity of 20 thousand tonnes each. According to the estimates indicated by the Corporation in February, 1985, the investment on land, building and machinery required for the project would be Rs. 35·50 crores. No definite indication is available about the likely time by which the undertaking would be established and commercial production started. The Letter of intent is valid upto 31-5-1990.

Closure of Holding Companies under Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Ltd.

2354. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has assured a deligation of various unions on the 29th November, 1988 that no unit of the holding company under the Bhart Bhari Udyog Nigam Ltd. will be closed down and that closure notices on Raniganj No. 2 and Durgapur refractory units would be wtthdrawn ; and

(b) if so, whether the said assurance has been implemented and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Memorandum from India Meters Thozhilalar Sangam, Madras

2355. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a memorandum dated the 29th March, 1989 has been received by Government from India Meters Thozhilalar Sangam, Madras;

(b) if so, what are the details of the memorandum ; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken by Government on the problems mentioned in the memorandum ; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT